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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims (~~strikethrough~~ indicating deletion and underline indicating insertion), and add new claims, as follows:

1. (original) An enclosure for a pet litter pan comprising:

a substantially rigid frame; and

a moisture-resistant plastic stranded material woven onto said frame to present the appearance of a rattan material.
2. (original) The enclosure of Claim 1, comprising a plurality of generally flat panels assembled together.
3. (original) The enclosure of Claim 2, wherein the plurality of panels are assembled in a box-like structure.
4. (original) The enclosure of Claim 2, wherein the box-like structure has an open bottom.
5. (original) The enclosure of Claim 2, wherein the panels are attached to one another by at least one pin and ferrule coupling.
6. (original) The enclosure of Claim 2, wherein the panels are attached to one another by at least one connector foot comprising a resilient block for supporting the enclosure on a floor and for engaging cooperating posts of the panels.
7. (original) The enclosure of Claim 6, further comprising a catch tray for resting a litter pan thereon.
8. (original) The enclosure of Claim 6, further comprising a removable catch tray having at least one notched corner for engagement with one of said at least one connector foot.
9. (original) The enclosure of Claim 1, having a pivotally opening front panel for accessing an interior portion of the enclosure.

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10. (original) The enclosure of Claim 9, wherein the front panel comprises at least one rail along an interior face thereof for sliding a litter pan thereon.
11. (original) The enclosure of Claim 9, further comprising a latch mounted on an interior face of the enclosure for locking the front panel in a closed position.
12. (original) An enclosure for housing a pet litter pan in an interior portion thereof, said enclosure comprising an openable panel having at least one rail along an interior face of said panel for sliding said litter pan thereon.
13. (original) The enclosure of Claim 12, wherein said openable panel is pivotally mounted along a bottom edge thereof.
14. (original) The enclosure of Claim 12, further comprising a releasable latch along a top edge thereof.
15. (original) The enclosure of Claim 12, wherein said openable panel comprises an opening for allowing a pet to enter and exit the enclosure.
16. (original) The enclosure of Claim 1, comprising a top panel having first and second side edges and a rear edge, each of the first and second side edges and rear edge comprising at least one ferrule, said enclosure further comprising first and second side panels and a rear panel, each of said first and second side panels and said rear panel comprising pins for engagement within said ferrules of the top panel to secure the side and rear panels to the top panel.
17. (original) The assembly of Claim 16, wherein said pins comprise hooks with free ends pointed toward the rear panel, and wherein the rear panel extends across substantially the entire width of the enclosure, whereby when assembled, the first and second side panels are held captive against the rear panel.

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23. (new) An enclosure for a pet litter pan comprising:

a substantially rigid frame;

a moisture-resistant plastic stranded material woven onto said frame to present the appearance of a rattan material; and

a pivotally opening panel for accessing an interior portion of the enclosure, said pivotally opening panel comprising a pair of rails extending along an interior face thereof for sliding a litter pan thereon during insertion and removal of the litter pan from the enclosure.

24. (new) An enclosure for a pet litter pan, the enclosure comprising a plurality of generally flat panels assembled together, each of said panels comprising:

a substantially rigid frame, and

a moisture-resistant plastic stranded material woven onto said frame to present the appearance of a rattan material;

wherein the panels are attached to one another by connector feet for engaging adjacent panels; and wherein said enclosure further comprises a removable catch tray having notched corners for receiving said connector feet.